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This is in response to the Advisory Action mailed on <u>June 17, 2005</u>, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 1, 15, and 22 are amended; as a result, claims 1-22 are now pending in this application. This response is accompanied with a Request for Continued Examination and the appropriate fee; therefore, Applicants believe entry of the amendments is appropriate

Applicants have now made clear by way of amendment that the inclusion or exclusion information associated with a software command is included within the license. This is not taught or suggested in the references where metadata associated with the license is carried separate from that license. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney at (513) 942-0224 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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